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3. [REDACTED] the firm was threatened with nationalization through a fifty-one percent participation of capital from the state of Saxony. Before arrangements were concluded, however, a dispute arose between Land Saxony and the city of Berlin as to which should participate in the company, since the company headquarters and the entire export-import division are located in Berlin. Neither contestant would yield, and meanwhile the Garantie- und Kreditbank granted Fitting and Company a loan large enough to keep it independent.

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**CONCLUSIONS**

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Comment: Since the Russian Zone crops are expected to be good to very good, the new food import policy must be intended to equalize the standard of living between the eastern and western zones. The population of the Russian Zone has an exaggerated idea of western zone prosperity and blames SED for its own poverty.

5. The trend towards reducing the number of Soviet AG's appears to have stopped. Plants whose entire technical installations had been recorded in technical drawings and which were presumably to be returned to the German economy are still in Russian hands.

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